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DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MORAN

REF: CANBERRA 2625 (NOTAL)

USDOC FOR MORAN

1. WE HEARTILY CONCUR WITH CANBERRA'S SUGGESTION THAT
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MORAN INCLUDE NEW ZEALAND
ON HIS ITINERARY IF HE IS ABLE TO VISIT SYDNEY FOR THE
OPENING OF THE U.S. MARKETING CENTER. WE WOULD
ENVISAGE A TWO DAY PROGRAM IN NEW ZEALAND, PREFERABLY
JUNE 8 IN AUCKLAND AND JUNE 9 IN WELLINGTON. IN BOTH
LOCATIONS, WE WOULD PROPOSE TO INVITE THE AMCHAM TO
ARRANGE MEETINGS AT WHICH MORAN MIGHT SPEAK (IN THE
CASE OF AUCKLAND, THE PREFERENCE WOULD PROBABLY BE
FOR A BREAKFAST MEETING JUNE 8) AND WOULD ALSO BRING
MORAN TOGETHER WITH LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS, PARTICULARLY
IN THE FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY. IN ADDITION, IN
WELLINGTON, WE WOULD EXPECT TO ARRANGE FOR MORAN TO
MEET APPROPRIATE GNZ OFFICIALS.

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2. NEW ZEALAND HAS JUST LAUNCHED "EXPORT YEAR" AND
INTEREST IN SELLING OVERSEAS, AND PARTICULARLY TO THE
U.S.A., IS MOUNTING RAPIDLY. LOREE SILLOWAY OF MORAN'S
STAFF WILL BE ADDRESSING A BUSINESS AUDIENCE IN
WELLINGTON ON THIS THEME NEXT MONTH, DESCRIBING TRADE
PROMOTION TECHNIQUES USED BY THE USG WHICH THE GNZ

MAY WISH TO CONSIDER ADAPTING TO ITS OWN NEEDS.

3. HOWEVER, NEW ZEALAND WILL NEED MORE THAN SHEER DETERMINATION TO EXPORT ITS WAY OUT OF ITS PRESENT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEM. AS NEW ZEALAND IS A MAJOR PRODUCER OF PASTORAL PRODUCTS, ONE PROMISING AREA FOR INCREASED FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS WILL BE INCREASING THE QUANTITY OF PROCESSED VERSUS RAW FOOD EXPORTS. NEW ZEALANDERS IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY ARE NOT FULLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SOPHISTICATED PROCESSING AND PACKAGING IN THE U.S. MARKET, AND MORAN -- WITH HIS EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND IN THE FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY -- WOULD BE PARTICULARLY WELL-EQUIPPED TO INFORM KEY OFFICIALS AND INDUSTALISTS HERE OF THE RANGE OF FOOD PROCESSING AND PACKAGING MACHINERY U.S. MANUFACTURERS HAVE TO OFFER, AND OF THE IMPORTANCE OF UTILIZING THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY IN PROCESSING AND PACKAGING FOOD PRODUCTS FOR EXPORT TO SOPHISTICATED MARKETS SUCH AS THE U.S.A. SUCH A DIALOGUE WOULD NOT ONLY SERVE TO ASSIST OUR OWN COMMERCIAL PROGRAM HERE BUT CONTRIBUTE TO OUR MORE GENERAL GOAL OF TRYING TO ENCOURAGE GREATER DIVERSITY AND SOPHISTICATION OF NEW ZEALAND'S EXPORTS TO STRENGTHEN THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMY, THEREBY ALLOWING IT TO PLAY THE ROLE IN REGIONAL AFFAIRS THAT IS NEEDED IN THE ANZUS ALLIANCE. SELDEN

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